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SUBJ: OPERATION BUCCANEER

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1. THAT PORTION OF REF WHICH PERTAINS TO FUTURE
MESSAGES REGARDING ORIGINS OF UH-1 AIRCRAFT USED IN
OPERATION BUCCANEER IS UNDERSTOOD AND HAS BEEN PASSED
TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONNEL.

2. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE THE BEST AVAILABLE PRO-
TECTION FOR U.S. AIRCRAFT IN JAMAICA DURING STORM
CONDITIONS ALL POSSIBLE SAFE HAVENS WERE INVENTORIED
AND EVALUATED. THE FACT THAT JULY THROUGH DECEMBER
TIME FRAME OF OPERATIONS COINCIDES WITH HURRICANE
SEASON GAVE THIS STUDY HIGH PRIORITY. THE ONLY HANGARS
AVAILABLE IN JAMAICA THAT ARE CONSIDERED STROM PROOF
ARE AT THE TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (NORMAN MANLEY IN
KINGSTON AND SANGSTER IN MONTEGO BAY). THESE FACILITIES
ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR DEA AIRCRAFT DUE TO PRE-EXISTING
CONTRACTS WITH COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE AIRCRAFT ON THE
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ISLAND. ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL BASE

GTMO WAS QUERIED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE FACILITIES AT HIS BASE. IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THIS EMBASSY PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THE REF MESSAGE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE USE OF AN OLD, UNUSED, HANGAR AT GTMO IN THE EVENT OF A STORM. IT REAMINS OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT THIS IS THE ONLY REASONABLE MOVE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF DEA AIRCRAFT.

3. WE CAN PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR HELICOPTERS BY PLACING THEM IN SPECIALLY SELECTED BAUXITE PITS IN INLAND JAMAICA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DEA HAS INSURED THE AIRCRAFT AGAINST LOSS OR DAMAGE THROUGH A PRIVATE INSURANCE AGENCY AS AN ADJUNCT TO THEIR OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF RECONSIDERATION OF THE PROHIBITIONS ON THE USE OF GUANTANAMO FACILITIES, WE CANNOT PROVIDE REASONABLE SAFETY FOR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK METHODS TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION BUT, IN THE INTERIM, STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU RECONSIDER THE POSSIBLE USE OF GUANTANAMO BAY AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR FIXED WING DEA AIRCRAFT.

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